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IN THE CLAIMS

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8. (currently amended) A screening device for determining fishing conditions comprising:

a) a frame having a pair of side rails and at least two cross members, the cross members interconnecting the pair of side rails, the side rails include at least one handle portion and one support portion;

b) a flexible screen having opposing ends and opposing sides, each opposing side aligned and attached to a respective side rail, at least one opposing end being a free end and extending between the pair of side rails, the flexible screen having a width such that the free end is curved in shape during use The screening device of claim 7, wherein each cross member further comprises:

a pair of cross member segments, each segment pivotally attached to a side rail at one end, other ends of each segment pivotally attached together so that the cross member segments and side rails can fold up

- 9. (currently amended) The screening device of claim [[7]] 8, wherein each end of the screen is free and curved in shape during use.
- 10. (currently amended) The screening device of claim [[7]] 8, wherein the cross members and side rails are immobile with respect to each other when the side rails are interconnected by the cross members.
- 11. (currently amended) The screening device of claim 8, wherein the cross member segments lock to keep the side rails spaced apart for collecting purposes.